



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD FEDERAL BUILDING
1000 LIBERTY AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-4186

Natural and Cultural
Resources Section

April 28, 2003

The Pittsburgh District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, under the authority of Section 14 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended, has the responsibility to oversee the design and construction of improvements to the Lower Coursin Hollow Road, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The proposed project will correct a severe erosion problem along the road, which is the main source of access for residents. The improvements include stone protection along approximately 1,260 feet of the left bank of the stream, which runs along Lower Coursin Hollow Road. The proposed improvements are necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the road, prevent failure of the road, and prevent possible injuries and damages to users.

The District has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental and cultural impacts associated with the proposed work. The proposed action has been coordinated with appropriate Federal, state and local resource agencies and there are no significant, unresolved issues. Thus, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not warranted.

The District distributed the EA to other Federal, state, local agencies, and the public including local libraries and media sources for their review and comment respectively, as part of the review process under the National Environmental Policy Act. We received no objections. Along with the EA, the District prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This letter serves as a 'Notice of Availability' of the signed FONSI. If the reviewer would like more information, please visit <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/> or contact Mr. Sam Smith at (412) 395-7217.

Sincerely,

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
SECTION 14 EMERGENCY STREAMBANK PROTECTION PROGRAM
LINCOLN BOROUGH, LOWER COURSIN HOLLOW ROAD
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

1. Under the authority and scope of Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act, as amended, the Pittsburgh District is overseeing the proposed design and construction of an emergency streambank protection project in the Borough of Lincoln, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The proposed project will correct a severe erosion problem along Lower Coursin Run that is undermining the integrity of Lower Coursin Hollow Road. The public road is the sole source of access for many residents and if not corrected, may result in injury and damages to its users.
2. The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) was performed by the District. It includes three alternatives for consideration including 1) No Action; 2) Road closure; and 3) the recommended plan of streambank protection. The recommended alternative is the most logical and economically feasible alternative to correct the problem based on our investigation.
3. The EA was reviewed by the District in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Its purpose is to identify potential environmental and cultural resources that might be adversely affected by the proposed project. The requirements of the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and other appropriate environmental laws and statutes were also evaluated. Potential adverse effects were considered with respect to: land use, soils, air and water quality, fish and wildlife, farmlands, wetlands, floodplains and geologic conditions; surface and ground water resources; rare, threatened, and endangered species; hazardous, toxic, and radioactive substances; historic and archeological resources; prime and unique farmlands; wild and scenic rivers; aesthetics; transportation; socio-economic issues and noise.
4. Based on a thorough evaluation of all beneficial and adverse impacts in the EA, no significant adverse impacts on the environment are anticipated. The proposed action has been coordinated with appropriate Federal and State resource agencies and there are no important, unresolved issues. Therefore, I have concluded that the public interest will best be served by implementation of this proposed Federal action and the

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preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

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